



SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR
PROCLAMATION

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WHEREAS, the cause of freedom is being challenged throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, the aims and institutions of the United States, the character of its citizens and the conditions of life that exist among them are constantly being distorted by false propaganda; and

WHEREAS, it is the avowed purpose of communism to create disunity and incite hatred by propagating these falsehoods; and

WHEREAS, we are determined to meet this challenge and to make the truth prevail throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, for many generations our country - with the help of Divine Providence - has drawn its strength from people of every nation and color and creed; and

WHEREAS, many South Dakotans correspond with relatives and friends in other countries; and

WHEREAS, these personal messages are an effective means of telling the story of our republic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 1953, as

LETTERS FROM AMERICA WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon all our citizens writing to relatives and friends abroad to participate in the Campaign of Truth called for by Presidents of the United States and to use their letters to correct misconceptions, create better international understanding and spread the truth about the United States and our American way of life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 9th day of May, 1953.

ATTEST:

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

Geraldine Ostroet
Secretary of State

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